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and promote
cities as centers
of opportunity,
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House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer
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Dear Representative Hoyer:

I am writing to confirm the National League of Cities' commitment to the vision and goals of the Full-Service Community Schools Act of 2005 which authorizes funding for full-service community schools. Education is a cornerstone for building stronger, safer, smarter, and more successful cities. The act provides the essential authority and grants to link the community to schools, facilitating improvement in such areas as academic achievement and attendance. Providing funding for elementary or secondary schools that coordinate multiple federal, state, and/or local educational and social service programs through community-based organizations and public/private partnerships through the Full-Service Community Schools Act of 2005 will strengthen schools and communities.

The Institute for Youth, Education, and Families, a special entity within the National League of Cities, helps municipal leaders take action on behalf of the children, youth, and families in their communities. NLC launched the Institute in January 2000 in recognition of the unique and influential roles that mayors, city council members, and other local leaders can play in strengthening families and improving outcomes for children and youth. As a national resource to cities and towns across America, the Institute provides guidance and assistance to municipal officials, compiles and disseminates information on promising strategies and best practices, builds networks of local officials working on similar issues and concerns, and conducts research on the key challenges facing municipalities.

In accordance with the National League of Cities continuous efforts to improve the education and the sense of community for its membership cities, we recognize the opportunities that community schools offer and therefore support the Full-Service Community Schools Act.

Very truly yours,

Donald Borut
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